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Responsive to the Patent Office Notice mailed October 2, 2006 (copy enclosed), the term for response to which expires on December 2, 2006, submitted herewith are the following:

1. Declaration executed by the inventor, referring to the application by International Application number and filing date, and a PTO-2038 form authorizing the charge of \$130.00 for filing of the Declaration; and
2. English translation of the above-identified application, pp. 1-35, and 6 sheets of formal drawings, Figs. 1-6. The processing fee of \$130.00 was previously submitted with the filing of the application.

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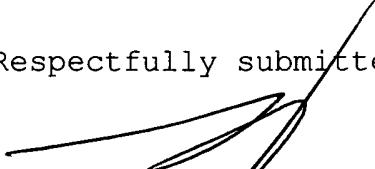
Also enclosed are the following:

1. Executed Assignment and PTO-1595 Form, along with a PTO-2038 form authorizing the charge of \$40.00 to cover the Assignment recordation fee;
2. Preliminary Amendment; and
3. Information Disclosure Statement.

Authorization is also given to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 06-1378.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed.

Respectfully submitted,


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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/22/2006
 - Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/22/2006
 - Preliminary Amendments filed on 02/22/2006
 - U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/22/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
 - Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
 - Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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